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FOR DANIEL HAMMOND, FHWA TEAM

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SUBJECT: VRT/FHWA AGREEMENT

REF: STATE 123784; STATE 133530; TEHRAN 4927

1. PARAGRAPH 2 PROVIDES THE TEXT OF A LETTER WHICH IS TO BE DELIVERED TO H.E. EBRAHIM FARAHBAKHSIAN.
2. QUOTE: DEAR MR. MINISTER: WE HAVE RECEIVED YOUR TELEGRAM OF 18 JUNE ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE IN WHICH YOU STATE THAT THE MINISTRY OF ROADS AND TRANSPORT HAS DECIDED NOT TO RENEW THE AGREEMENT OF COOPERATION AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WITH THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION.

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WE REGRET THE INABILITY OF OUR TWO ORGANIZATIONS TO FIND A COMMON GROUND FOR CONTINUED COOPERATION IN THE FIELD OF HIGHWAY TRANSPORTATION. HOWEVER, WE CAN APPRECIATE THE DIFFICULTIES THAT THE MINISTRY OF ROADS AND TRANSPORT (VRT) HAS EXPERIENCED IN THIS REGARD.

ACCORDINGLY, WE PLAN TO CLOSE THE FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINIS-

TRATION (FHWA) OFFICE IN TEHRAN AND RETURN ALL OF THE FHWA STAFF MEMBERS TO THE UNITED STATES. THIS WILL BE ACCOMPLISHED AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE; HOWEVER, IT SHOULD BE

RECOGNIZED THAT TO PERMIT AN ORDERLY CLOSING OF THE FHWA OFFICE AND DEPARTURE OF STAFF MEMBERS, SOME COSTS WILL BE INCURRED AFTER JUNE 30, 1977, THE EXPIRATION DATE OF THE PRESENT AGREEMENT.

MR. HAMMOND WILL DISCUSS WITH YOU THE NEED FOR THE VRT TO REIMBURSE THE FHWA FOR PAST DUE MONTHLY STATEMENTS IN AMOUNTS SUFFICIENT TO PERMIT THE DOLLAR WORKING FUND TO REMAIN SOLVENT THROUGH THE WITHDRAWAL PERIOD. IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION VI OF THE VRT/FHWA AGREEMENT, WE WILL, UPON COMPLETION OF THE WITHDRAWAL, PROVIDE A CLOSEOUT FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND RETURN TO THE VRT ANY DOLLAR WORKING FUND BALANCE.

IT IS WITH DEEP REGRET THAT WE CLOSE THE FHWA IRAN OVERSEAS OFFICE. WE HAVE APPRECIATED THE OPPORTUNITY OF WORKING WITH AND ASSISTING THE VRT IN IRAN'S ENDEAVOR TO IMPROVE HIGHWAY TRANSPORTATION. WE WERE DESIROUS OF BEING ABLE TO CONTINUE ASSISTING THE VRT IN DEVELOPING A SYSTEM OF HIGHWAYS THROUGHOUT IRAN THAT WOULD PROVIDE GREATER MOBILITY, ENHANCE THE MOVEMENT OF PEOPLE AND COMMODITIES, AND LEND STABILITY AND GROWTH TO THE ECONOMY. POSSIBLY UNCLASSIFIED

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AT SOME FUTURE TIME, WE WILL BE ABLE TO AGAIN FIND A COMMON GROUND FOR A PROGRAM OF COOPERATION.

BEST WISHES FOR SUCCESS WITH YOUR TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM.
(SIGNED) WILLIAM M. COX, FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATOR.
END QUOTE.

3. NOTE: FHWA ADMINISTRATOR COX DISPATCHED ON JUNE 20, BEFORE RECEIVING THE MINISTER'S TELEGRAM TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE, AN ORIGINAL LETTER TO HAMMOND FOR DELIVERY TO MINISTER FARAHBAKHSIAN. THAT LETTER, WHEN RECEIVED, SHOULD NOT RPT NOT BE DELIVERED, BUT SHOULD BE DESTROYED. IT WILL BE REPLACED WITH ANOTHER ORIGINAL, THE TEXT OF WHICH WILL CONFORM TO THE ABOVE TEXT. CHRISTOPHER

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